

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Kenichirou TAKAHASHI et al. :  
Serial No. NEW : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**  
Filed November 17, 2003 : Attorney Docket No. 2003-1641A  
  
ELECTRODE-LESS DISCHARGE LAMP  
LIGHTING APPARATUS, BULB-SHAPED  
ELECTRODE-LESS FLUORESCENT  
LAMP, AND DISCHARGE :  
LAMP LIGHTING APPARATUS :  
(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of Serial No.  
PCT/JP03/10610, Filed August 22, 2003)

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT  
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, kindly amend the application as follows: